

Israel's Annexation of Palestinian Territories

The Political and Legal Dimensions

Summary

This book examines the Israeli government's initiation of annexation procedures in the West Bank, Jerusalem, the Jordan Valley, and the northern Dead Sea, claimed as part of Trump's "Deal of the Century" in 2020. It explores the new strategic shifts in Israeli policy and its approach to various peace agreements with the Arabs and Palestinians.

The book aims to understand these changes and their diverse legal and political ramifications, and to develop a joint Palestinian-Jordanian project to counter these Israeli policies. Such a project seeks to preserve the Palestinian cause and people on the one hand, and to protect Jordan and its stability on the other. It offers practical and strategic insights for such confrontation.

The first chapter addresses the relationship between annexation and the "Deal of the Century in 2020," the violation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (1998) by Israel of the Palestinian territories. It also investigates the direct security repercussions of the annexation policy for Jordan, its infringement upon the Peace Agreement with Israel. The chapter discusses the legal status of Israel's annexation of the occupied Palestinian territories, undermining the two-state solution. The chapter illuminates the details of this annexation plan, the imposition of Israeli sovereignty over large areas of the West Bank, and the fundamental alteration of the existing legal status quo in contravention of Security Council resolutions, i.e., and the UN Charter, i.e. ..., thus consolidating Israeli control over the Palestinian-occupied land.

The second chapter addresses the security and political dimensions and repercussions of Israeli annexation on the peace process and the Palestinian cause. It examines how this annexation closes the door to the establishment of a Palestinian state and liquidates the Palestinian cause through unilateral decisions. Such liquidation includes the termination of core issues in negotiations, such as the refugee issue and the right of return. The chapter also discusses the threat to Jordan's stability and the application of the Israeli ambition to transfer Palestinians to Jordan.

Furthermore, it explores the tools of civil resistance and political confrontation available to Palestinians, most importantly, popular resistance and leveraging the international environment and the Arab and Islamic world. The chapter also examines the strategic effects of Israeli annexation, including the expansion of settlements and the replacement of the original Palestinian inhabitants with Israeli settlers .

It also addresses the political and strategic dimensions and repercussions of Israel's annexation of Palestinian territories on the Arab world and Jordan, including: the emergence of mass migration from the Jordan Valley to Jordan, the exacerbation of the Palestinian refugee problem, and transferring the Israeli problem to Jordan .

Chapter three addresses the project's foundations, objectives, political, diplomatic, and legal avenues of action. Moreover, it highlights some mechanisms for thwarting the annexation plan, which represents a dangerous shift in Israeli behavior and has many strategic implications for Jordan, Palestine, and the region.